of Gujarat and other affected States have been advised to issue suitable instructions to all concerned to respond immediately to complaints of injustice/harassment against the minorities and to initiate prompt and effective action with a view to create a congenial climate and redress their grievances.

Terrorism in J&K

388. SHRIMATI VEENAVERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS e pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a two pronged strategy to deal with terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details including estimated cost thereof and the steps taken and being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) With a view to tackling the militancy problem snonored from across the border in Jammu and Kashmir, the Government have adopted multi-pronged approach which includes inter-alia strengthening the border management, neutralishing plans of militants by proactive action against them in hinterland, gearmingup intelligence machinery, galvanising development programmes and deepening the democratic process etc. The focus is on curbing infiltration; countering militancy in the hinterland; protection of minorities; improving of technological components of Counter- insurgency Operations, gadgetry and equipment for the security forces etc. The cost of the implementation of these measures to counter militancy in Jammu and Kashmir is estimated at Rs. 560.47 crores, spread over three years.

Attacks on Christian Nuns

389. SHRI A. VIJAY RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details regarding the attacks and rapes against Christian Nuns in 1998;

(b) the steps taken by Government to avoid attacks on the Christian Nuns in our country; and

(c) whether Government propose to change the existing criminal laws to ensure strict action against the accused for rapes?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) As per the available information, three incidents of attack on Christian Nuns, one each from the States of Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have been reported.

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation and detection of crimes as well as the prevention of crimes are primarily the responsibility of the State Government.

After the recent incidents of attack on minorities, the Chief Secretaries of the concerned States have been advised to issue suitable instructions to the district authorities concerned to respond immediately to the complaints of atrocities to harassment of the minorities and initiate prompt and effective action to identify and punish the guilty persons. The Government is clear that acts of violence against the minority communities, whenever and whatever form they occur, must be dealt with sternly and exemplary punishment awarded to the perpetrators.

(c) The State Governments have been requested for the views on strengthening of legal provisions relating to rape. The matter has also been considered at the Chief Ministers' Conference held on 27th November, 1998.

National Register for Citizens

390. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are to open and maintain a National Register containing details of Indian citizens;